


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
COLIN TEMPLE	§	Group Art Unit: 1712
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Serial No.: 10/776,887	§	
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Filed: FEBRUARY 11, 2004	§	Examiner: FIGUEROA, JOHN J.
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For: "DRILLING FLUIDS WITH	§	
IMPROVED SHALE INHIBITION AND	§	Atty Docket: 2003-IP-009967U1P1
METHODS OF DRILLING IN	§	
SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"	§	

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON AUGUST 23, 2007**

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 14 of this paper.